

Project Name:	Bentz Ridge Access
Date:	8/3/2017
District:	Salmon River

Consideration of Extraordinary Circumstances

Extraordinary Circumstance	Present? (yes/no)	Significant Effect? (yes/no)	Information or Management Requirement
A1. Threatened, endangered, & sensitive species or their habitats - WILDLIFE	No	No	
A2. Threatened, endangered, & sensitive species or their habitats - FISHERIES	No	No	
A3. Threatened, endangered, & sensitive species or their habitats - BOTANY	Yes	No	No T&E species in area. R1 Sensitive species may be impacted, but species viability in their local ranges would not be affected.
B1. Floodplains or wetlands – HYDROLOGY	No	No	
B2. Municipal watersheds – HYDROLOGY	No	No	
C. Congressionally designated areas such as wilderness, wilderness study areas, or national recreation areas	No	No	
D. Roadless Areas	No	No	
E. Research Natural Areas	No	No	
F. Native American religious or cultural sites - HERITAGE	No	No	
G. Archeological sites, or Historic properties or areas - HERITAGE	Yes	No	The trail will be rerouted to avoid and protect archaeological site 01170001192

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Extraordinary Circumstance	Meet Forest Plan Standards? (yes/no)	Information or Management Requirement
H. Soils	Yes	No requirements

Projects in Roadless Areas

Project impacts on roadless characteristics as defined in 36 CFR 294(B)11 & (C)21

Roadless Characteristics	Present? (yes/no)	Information or Management Requirement
1. High quality or undisturbed soil, water and air.	NA	
2. Sources of public drinking water.	NA	
3. Diversity of plant and animal communities.	NA	
4. Habitat for threatened, endangered, proposed, candidate and sensitive species and those species dependant on large undisturbed areas or land.	NA	
5. Primitive, semi-private nonmotorized and semi-primitive motorized classes of dispersed recreation.	NA	
6. Reference landscapes.	NA	
7. Natural appearing landscapes with high scenic quality.	NA	
8. Traditional cultural properties and sacred sites.	NA	
9. Other locally identified unique characteristics.	NA	

**Projects involving Road Construction, Reconstruction,
Temporary Roads, and/or Haul Routes**

Specialists will address items in italics below.

Access Consideration	Yes/No?	Mitigation Measure / Comments / Info
1. Will road construction/reconstruction be required? Type of road and length.	Yes	~ 0.5 miles of existing trail will be reconstructed to allow for seasonal ATV and snowmobile use.
2. Will temporary roads be needed?	No	
3. Will road maintenance be needed? Who will perform?	Yes	Upon completion of the trail reconstruction, BI will conduct annual maintenance, such as brushing, tread work, etc., where necessary, of the 3.4-miles of trail.
4. Is the area in a travel plan closure area? Year round or seasonal? Hunting season restrictions?	Yes	Year-round to motorized vehicles, except for snowmobiles in winter.
5. Are haul roads part of an established snowmobile network?	NA	
6. Are there public safety concerns for roads, trails, or other road improvements?	No	
7. Are there other improvements which will require protection?	No	
8. <i>Will the project impact winter range?</i>	No	
9. <i>Will the project impact critical elk summer range or cause elk summer habitat effectiveness to be below FP standards?</i>	No	
10. <i>Will the project impact elk security?</i>	Yes	The 3.4 miles of trail currently closed to motorized use will be open to seasonal use by ATV's and snowmobiles for Bentz Ridge landowners, but not the public. Use is anticipated to be infrequent and low in total number of vehicles. Elk security will be reduced; however, it will be nearly indecernible at the GMU scale, with minimal impacts at the project scale.

Projects involving Vegetation / Fuels Treatments

Resource Consideration	Yes/No	Mitigation / Explanation
Will post-treatment stands meet R1 down woody debris requirements?	NA	
Will post-treatment stands meet snag and replacement snag guidelines?	NA	
Are activities proposed in PACFISH/INFISH RHCA or wetland?	NA	
Is the area in a PACFISH/INFISH priority watershed? Is the stream fish bearing?	NA	
Are there soil compaction concerns? i.e. Does the proposal involve ground based heavy equipment?	NA	
Is the area in an active grazing allotment? What type of livestock? How many?	NA	
Does the area meet FP standards for elk habitat effectiveness?	NA	
Is the area in a visually sensitive area? Will mitigation measures be needed to reduce adverse visual effects?	NA	
What other entities or agencies need to be contacted for coordination.	NA	
Are there land line survey needs?	NA	
What noxious weed control measures will be employed?	NA	
Are activities proposed in old growth or replacement old growth?	NA	